

Amendments to the Claims

C 1. (Currently amended) A laryngeal mask assembly comprising: ~~an airway a~~ tube; a mount at a patient end of said tube; and an annular sealing cuff extending around a patient end of said mount, ~~the improvement~~ wherein said ~~airway~~ tube and said mount are molded together from a plastics material as an integral, single-piece component, wherein a groove extends along an outside of said assembly opening along its length on an external surface, wherein an inflation line extends in said groove along the assembly, one end of said inflation line extending out of said groove towards a patient end of said groove and opening into said sealing cuff, and wherein said sealing cuff is attached with said mount as a separate component and is adapted to seal with tissue in the region of the hypopharynx.

2. (Original) A laryngeal mask assembly according to Claim 1, wherein said sealing cuff is attached with said mount by an adhesive.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously presented) A laryngeal mask assembly according to Claim 1, wherein said airway tube and mount are molded of polyurethane.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (New) A method of forming a laryngeal mask assembly comprising the steps of: injection molding a tube and a mount at a patient end of said tube together from

a plastics material as an integral, single-piece component; and
extending an annular sealing cuff around a patient end of said mount.

9. (New) The method of claim 8, further comprising the steps of :
extending a groove along an outside of said tube opening along its length on an
external surface;

extending an inflation line in said groove along the assembly, one end of said
inflation line extending out of said groove towards a patient end of said groove and
opening into said sealing cuff.

10. (New) The method of claim 8, further comprising the steps of:
attaching said sealing cuff with said mount as a separate component; and
adapting said sealing cuff to seal with tissue in the region of the hypopharynx.
